

South Dakota MINK PRODUCTION

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MINK PELT PRODUCTION STEADY

SIOUX FALLS, July 15, 2003 - - Mink pelts produced in South Dakota during 2002 increased 100 pelts from the previous year's number, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Pelts produced in 2002 totaled 78,200, up from the 78,100 pelts in 2001. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2003 increased 2 percent from last year. Females bred in 2003 totaled 18,100, up from 17,700 in 2002.

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